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SUBJ: APOLLO 17 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION REMARKS

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1. AMBASSADORS OR PRINCIPLE OFFICERS MAY WISH TO DRAW UPON THE FOLLOWING FOR APOLLO 17 LUNAR SAMPLE PRESENTATION REMARKS.

2. I AM HONORED TO HAVE THIS OPPORTUNITY OF PRESENTING ON BEHALF OF THE PRESIDENT AND THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, THIS SAMPLE TAKEN FROM THE MOON'S SURFACE THAT HAS BEEN RETURNED TO EARTH BY THE APOLLO 17 ASTRONAUTS.

3. THIS SMALL MOON ROCK IS A SYMBOL, REPRESENTING THE KNOWLEDGE SHARED BY MEN OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY OVER THE CENTURIES, AND THEIR SEARCH FOR KNOWLEDGE. LET US HOPE THAT THE NEW FRONTIERS OPENED BY MAN'S FLIGHTS TO THE MOON MAY NOW BE EXTENDED TO OTHER FIELDS, HELPING MANKIND SEE ITS PROBLEMS IN A NEW LIGHT. PERHAPS THE SPIRIT OF APOLLO, WHICH SURMOUNTED THE BARRIERS OF DEEP SPACE FOR MAN, CAN EVENTUALLY HELP ELIMINATE THE BARRIERS BETWEEN NATIONS.

4. I AM PROUD THAT MY COUNTRY HAS BEEN ABLE TO UNDERTAKE AN INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE EFFORT THROUGH THE FLIGHTS OF APOLLO, IN WHICH SO MANY COUNTRIES ARE SHARING. THE DISPLAY OF THIS LUNAR MOON SAMPLE IN (COUNTRY NAME) REPRESENTS NOT ONLY THE PAST ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE GREAT MEN OF SCIENCE ON WHICH THE LUNAR FLIGHTS WERE BUILT, IT REPRESENTS ALSO THE BOND BETWEEN MEN OF ALL NATIONS WHO HAVE SHARED IN THIS REMARKABLE ADVENTURE OF THE HUMAN SPIRIT.

5. FOLLOWING MAY BE USEFUL FOR COUNTRIES WHICH PARTICIPATED IN INTERNATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE TOUR:
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IN DECEMBER OF 1972 EIGHTY STUDENTS FROM SIX CONTINENTS TRAVELED AROUND THE UNITED STATES UNDER THE SPONSORSHIP OF THE AMERICAN SPACE AGENCY. THEY NOT ONLY WITNESSED THE SPACE LAUNCHING THAT ULTIMATELY BROUGHT THIS ROCK BACK FROM THE MOON, THEY ALSO TOURED AMERICAN SPACE AND SCIENTIFIC INSTALLATIONS THAT DEMONSTRATED THE BREADTH AND DEPTH OF THE EFFORT IN WHICH SO MANY

COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THIS ONE, NOW SHARE.

WE ARE HAPPY TO HAVE WITH US TODAY (NAME) WHO REPRESENTED
(COUNTRY NAME) ON THAT TOUR AND WHO HAS BEEN DESIGNATED
HONORARY CUSTODIAN. ROGERS

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